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- 1. FRANK TYE, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THZI ZINC, CALLED ECON COUNSELOR AFTERNOON MAY 4 TO CONFIDE HE HAD JUST RECEIVED TELEX ORDERING HIM BACK TO LOS ANGELES FOR TUESDAY MAY 9 MEETING BWETEEN OFFICILAS OF NEW JERSEY ZINC AND KOREAN GOURP WHASHIN. TYE CONTENDED HE IS IN DARK OVER WHAT IS BREWING BUT, FROM NATURE OF PAPERS HE IS BEING ASKED TO BRING BACK, HE IS CONVINCED EHASHIN WILL BE PURCHASING ALL OR PARTIAL EQUITY OF THAI ZINC.
- 2. TYE ASSUMES RTG HAS GIVEN "TACIT" APPROVAL FOR ENTRY KOREAN GROUP INTO PROJECT BUT EMPHASIZES HE IS NOT PRIVY TO RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS HELD RECENTLY IN BANGKOK BETWEEN RTG AND WHASHIN OFFICIALS. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WHASHIN HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN PROJECT FOR SOME TIME AS A PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SMELTER.)
- 3. WASHINGTON LOBBYIST JOHN LEAMING HAS PARTICIPATED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, ACCORDING TO TYE, BUT TYE DOES NOT KNOW IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEAMING IS WORKING FOR WHASHIN, THE GULF AND WESTERN OWNERS OF NEW JERSEY ZINC, OR BOTH. IN ANY CASE, HE HAS NOT BEEN KEPT INFORMED.
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